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FOR SMITH AF/ W FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EAID, ML

SUBJECT: GRAIN

1. ON FURTHER STUDY PROBLEM TRANSPORTATION TO MALI SOME 117,000 TONS GRAIN ALREADY PROMISED AS GIFT TO OR PURCHASE BY GOM, I AM STRUCK BY EXTREME DIFFICULTIES GOM FACING. I HAVE ASKED ADO AND REDSO TO HELP EMBASSY MAKE AS THOROUGH STUDY AS POSSIBLE BUT AS YET I DO NOT HAVE THEIR ESTIMATES OF CAPACITIES DAKAR PORT AND DAKAR- BAMAko RAILROAD PLUS ABIDJAN PORT AND ABIDJAN- BAMAko TRUCKING TO HANDLE THIS AMOUNT OF GRAIN. I FEAR MALIANS WILL FALL VERY FAR SHORT OF FINDING NECESSARY SPACE FOR WHAT THEY NOW HAVE ON HAND.

2. WILL REPORT CONCLUSIONS WHEN WE KNOW SURE, HOPEFULLY SOME TIME NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, WITHOUT RECOMMENDING WITHHOLDING ACTION ON NEW REQUESTS, THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY SO THAT ANY IRREVERSABLE ACTIONS COULD BE HELD UP.

3. IF MY SUSPICIONS PROVE CORRECT, MALI COULD BE FACED WITH FRIGHTFUL SITUATION, I. E. SHORTFALL VERY SOON OF THOUSANDS OF TONS GRAIN, WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN TERRIBLE HUNGER IF NOT STARVATION. I AM TRYING TO ADDRESS EMBASSY THINKING TO HOW

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WE MIGHT ASSIST WITH THIS UNHAPPY CONTINGENCY.
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